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# JAMAICA PLAIN FRIENDLY SOCIETY

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Annual Report, 1909-1910

## TAKE NOTICE

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The Jamaica Plain Friendly Society represents the entire community. Subscriptions in its behalf are collected by its authorized solicitors, beginning in November. A prompt and generous response to their calls is earnestly hoped for, as the Society is dependent upon these annual subscriptions.

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### FORM OF BEQUEST

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I give and bequeath to the Jamaica Plain Friendly Society of Boston the sum of..... dollars.

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The records of the past year show nothing essentially new or striking in regard to the Society's work, but to the worker each year brings new experiences and new opportunities of usefulness. We should be glad if we could help our friends, old and new, to realize the need of this central, unsectarian organization, and to give it their hearty co-operation and support. We invite any to our headquarters who may wish to have cases investigated or discussed, and we are always ready to receive criticisms from those who question our work or our methods in any way.

From time to time, word comes to us that some friend does not wish to contribute to our Society, because most of our help is given to one nationality. Ours would be a very narrow charity, if this were true, and we wish again to impress upon our friends that our work is among people of all churches and no church, and of all nationalities. All applications for help that come to us, and from whatever source, are promptly investigated. If the circumstances demand immediate relief, relief is given, but the next step is to find if the applicant should naturally be aided by relatives or by any special church or society and to co-operate with them. The clergymen, Protestant and Catholic, are frequently interviewed, and we always find them ready to take responsibility about their own people, and to work in co-operation

with us. Our visitors also are from both Protestant and Catholic Churches, so that we keep in touch with all denominations, and our office is a centre to which all may come freely to discuss problems of charity, as well as special cases.

At our weekly case committee meetings during the past winter we have had the attendance of the visiting nurse assigned to this district by the Boston Consumptives' Hospital, a valuable addition to our number. She has charge of all cases of tuberculosis in this district and, as these cases often need help from our society, she is glad to have our co-operation. One of these, needing a great deal of care and assistance, was that of a girl of fifteen who was obliged to go to a day camp for several months. She was one of a large family, and the good wages which she was earning in a factory were very important to the home, the father being on small pay at that time. Money for the daily fares was obtained from the Jamaica Plain Dispensary, warm clothing was furnished by the Society, and for a time with help from individuals the rent was paid. Other lifts were given from time to time during a rather discouraging winter, with two other children in delicate condition, but as the young girl steadily improved, and as the family were most appreciative, it seemed a very satisfactory outlay of time and money. In the spring the man's wages were somewhat increased, and the girl was discharged from the camp. This summer she went to work again, but she is still under advice and oversight from the Hospital. For several others we have secured aid for fares to and from the Day Camp and Franklin Park School, or board at Rutland, from our Dispensary, necessary clothing being provided by our Society.

On a very cold, snowy day of last winter, one of the local

doctors reported a family of five young children from seven years to fourteen months in great need. The mother, a Swede, had just been taken to the City Hospital very ill of pneumonia. Nothing could be learned of the father. The children were left alone, without food or fire. Through the doctor and a neighbor their first needs were relieved, then one of our visitors took charge of the case. A great deal of work had to be done very quickly in order to have these little ones put under proper care, but in twenty-four hours this was arranged, and dressed in their forlorn and ragged clothes, they were taken in a carriage by a motherly woman, to the Chardon Street Home, and later, as they had no city settlement, they were taken in charge by the State Board of Charities and placed in good families. The mother recovered, but not having proved herself fitted in any way to make a home for these children, they are still away from her, and the case remains in the care of the State. Many societies were consulted with in the course of our investigations in regard to this perplexing case, which gave us great concern on account of the very young children involved.

In many families in our care, the children and young people are the most important consideration. The questions must often come as to what conditions and influences surround them, what work they are doing or are fitted to do, and many others. We often feel that we ought not to lose sight of these young people until we can see them well started in life, and we are sometimes cheered by very satisfactory results in these directions.

While ours is a relief-giving society, able to tide people over hard places, its aim is also to learn the causes of poverty and need, and to try to do preventive work wherever this is pos-

sible. We have been in touch with many Hospitals, Homes, and charitable organizations during the year, and we have especially valued our conferences with workers in the Associated Charities and their co-operation with us.

Sewing under the charge of our agent, has been given to twenty-six widows and elderly women. Most of this work was done for the Mass. Infant Asylum, the New England Hospital and the Children's Hospital, the material being furnished by them, and the women being paid from our treasury. Some garments to sell and to give away are always made and kept on hand at our room. Outside employment, temporary or permanent was found for a number of men, women and girls.

Through the Trustees in charge of the distribution of funds from the George William Boyd estate, our Society received the welcome gift of one thousand dollars, which we gratefully acknowledge.

We wish also to thank the friends who have contributed money for special cases, and those who kindly remembered many families at Thanksgiving and Christmas.

The contributions of clothing, boots and shoes which have been sent to our Room have been most acceptable and useful, and we should be glad of many more such contributions for the families in the care of our visitors.

Our solicitors will make their annual visits in behalf of our Society this autumn, and we trust that the subscriptions and donations may come in promptly and generously that we may be able to meet the many calls which are sure to come to us. Our friends must also remember that we are obliged to incur the added expense of rent since the burning of Curtis Hall.

We make again our earnest annual appeal for more visitors and more money, trusting that among the many charities, the Friendly Society may ever keep a special place and importance in the minds of the men and women of this community.

ELLEN C. MORSE,

*For Case Committee.*

#### NOTE.

Our rooms, Nos. 8 and 9, 670 Centre Street, are open every week day, except Saturdays or holidays, from ten to one o'clock, and our agent may be found there during those hours.

During the months when the rooms are closed, applications for aid may be referred to our Treasurer, Mr. E. W. Clark, 672 Centre Street, who will report them to a Visitor.

Meetings of the Case Committee are held on Thursday mornings, from ten to twelve o'clock, from November to May.

#### STATISTICS FOR 1909-1910.

Applicants.....	111
Sewing women.....	26
Garments given away.....	180
Shoes       "       "       (pairs).....	40
Rubbers     "       "       "       .....	60
Garments made for society, hospitals and Infant Asylum...	3100

## JAMAICA PLAIN FRIENDLY SOCIETY

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

OCTOBER, 1909, TO OCTOBER, 1910.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year.....	\$ 173 83
Received from contributions.....	1096 71
"    for interest.....	325 63
"    from Union Thanksgiving Service.....	9 70
"    from the Jamaica Plain Tuesday Club.....	40 00
"    from C. Brigham Co. (cash returned).....	3 28
"    from sales.....	4 60
"    rent from City.....	7 00
"    cash returned for coal.....	16 71
"    cash returned for car fares.....	5 28
	<u>\$1682 74</u>

## EXPENDITURES.

Agent's salary.....	\$ 300 00
Paid to Case Committee.....	407 00
"    for coal.....	239 58
"    for provisions and milk.....	207 89
"    for rent.....	102 50
"    for boots and shoes.....	65 76
"    for printing.....	43 50
"    for materials.....	57 59
"    women for cleaning.....	21 32
"    for carriage hire.....	4 00
"    for postage and stationery.....	10 50
"    car fares.....	9 10
"    gas bill.....	2 00
"    expressage.....	4 90
"    for repairing and painting furniture.....	3 25
	<u>\$1478 89</u>
Cash on hand.....	203 85
	<u>\$1682 74</u>

Respectfully submitted,  
E. W. CLARK, *Treasurer.*

## AUDITOR'S REPORT.

JAMAICA PLAIN, MASS.,  
*October 12, 1910.*

I hereby certify that I have examined the accounts of E. W. Clark, Treasurer of the Jamaica Plain Friendly Society, from October 1st, 1909, to October 1st, 1910. Every item seems to be correct, and properly vouched for, and he charges himself with a balance of two hundred three dollars and eighty-five cents.

THOMAS G. REES, *Auditor.*

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# The Jamaica Plain Friendly Society

ROOM 9, MASONIC BUILDING

670 CENTRE STREET

ORGANIZED IN 1873

AGENT'S HOURS: 10 to 1

Every Week day except Saturdays and holidays from October 1 to May 1

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This is a non-sectarian Society for charitable work.

Its object is to investigate applications for aid in the Jamaica Plain district, to find employment for men and women, where it is possible, and to give temporary relief in cases of distress and need.

The Society wishes to discourage giving help of any sort to beggars, and all cases which are sent to the agent at Masonic Building will be promptly investigated.

Contributions of money to carry on this work are earnestly solicited from all who are able and willing to give. Such contributions may be sent at any time to Mr. E. W. Clark, Treasurer, 672 Centre Street.

Partly worn clothing and boots and shoes are always acceptable, and may be sent to the Society's room at Room 9, Masonic Building.

REV. S. U. SHEARMAN, President

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